## I – 90 Bridge Overlook (Floating Bridge Viewpoint)

Lake Washington Boulevard S. and S. Day



### LOCATION AND VIEWPOINT CATEGORY

The park is located in the Leschi neighborhood above the I-90 bridge. The viewpoint provides wide-angle views of Lake Washington and the Cascade Mountains. Park property borders all sides of the viewpoint. 90% of the intended viewshed is present.

### SUMMARY OF EXISTING CONDITIONS

The park is situated at the top of a steeply terraced slope of ornamental shrubs. Views to the south and north are obstructed from the bench by the shrub *Euonymous alatus*, Burning Bush. Though shrubs have been hedged to assist in maximizing views, the genetic propensity of height and shrub growth prohibits how much can be pruned. In addition, a Portuguese Laurel growing on a lower terrace needs to be pruned to limit view obstruction to the north.

### MANAGEMENT PRESCRIPTIONS

A. MAINTENANCE FOR EXISTING CONDITIONS Category 2 – Pruning

Procedures:

- 1. Shrub pruning using ANSI 300 standards
- 2. Remove e Euonymous on both sides of viewpoint and replace with dwarf variety of shrub to maintain aesthetics and continuity.
- 3. Mulch new plantings
- 4. Provide irrigation to new plants

### B. GENERAL MAINTENANCE PRACTICES

Three year cycle maintenance frequency will require:

- Control height of adjacent vegetation
- Removal of dead, declining and diseased trees
- Pruning for form, shape and to prohibit view obstruction using ANSI 300 standards

View management locations:

Zone 1 - Developed park landscape

### **IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

### Priority 3

Tall shrubs blocking views north and south from the viewing bench should be removed and replanted with the same species (*Euonymous alatus*) using a dwarf variety to maximize intended views.

### **Phasing**

Phase 1 - Remove shrubs; prune height on Portuguese Laurel

Phase 2 - Plant small replacement dwarf variety hedges in planters

Mulch new plantings

Provide temporary irrigation

### <u>Labor Sources (UF- Urban Forestry Staff, PM – Park Maintenance Staff)</u>

UF staff: -prune and remove

shrubsContractor, UF staff and/or volunteers: -plant hedges and mulching

Park Maintenance staff: -control adjacent vegetation

# I-90 Bridge Overlook - East Portal Park



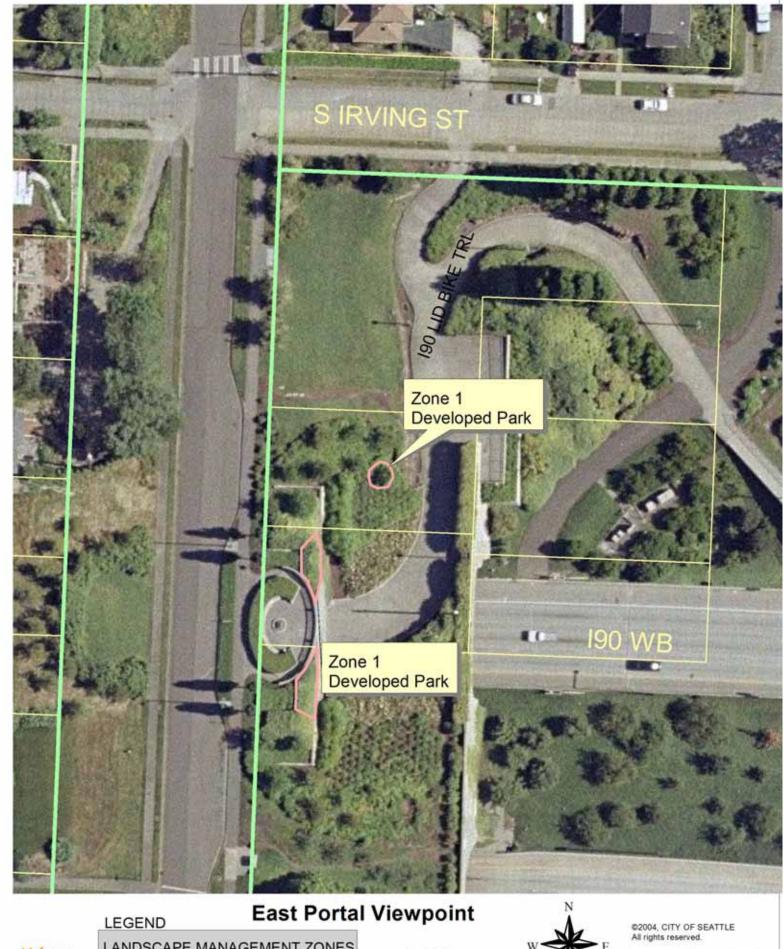
Height of vegetation blocks views to the northeast

Height of vegetation obstructs views from bench to south





Ornamental vegetation in front of wall





# LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT ZONES Zone 1 - Developed Park Landscape Zone 2 - Transition Zone 3 - Hillside Park Boundary Parcel Boundary

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